

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 458

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 29, 1965

Application of D. C. Transit System,)
Inc., for 180 Day Temporary Authority)
to Establish the "Government Minibus")
Route between the State Department)
and the Senate Office Building.)

Route Authority No. 1-65

On January 14, 1965, D. C. Transit System, Inc., filed an application for 180 day temporary authority to establish a regular route common carrier service within the District of Columbia, described generally as the "Government Minibus" Route, which service was to be operated over the route described in its application, between terminals at the State Department and the Senate Office Building, on a trial basis. Thereafter, Commission approval was granted, by Route Authorization No. 1-65.

On February 16, 1965, the Commission received a protest to the authorization from the Capital Cab Cooperative Association, Inc., a District of Columbia domestic corporation engaged in providing taxicab service in the District of Columbia, and requesting a hearing.

D. C. Transit then filed a motion to strike the protest and that protestant be required to bear the cost of any proceedings.

The protestant has not replied to the motion.

D. C. Transit has been issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity (No. 5) authorizing regular route transportation between any points in Washington, D. C. It also holds a Congressional franchise to that effect. Thus, institution of new service over routes previously authorized does not require proof of public convenience and necessity.

The rendition of a regular route bus operation is not antagonistic to taxicab operations; rather, the two types of service are meant to be complementary to each other, each fulfilling a distinct need of the travelling public. While the absence of one service would probably provide some additional patronage for the other, no determination of the question of providing bus service contains an element of taxicab service. This Commission exercises no jurisdiction over the service requirements of taxicabs, but is restricted solely to insurance and rates. The only basis for standing to complain is that one is "affected." As long as the two systems retain their basic characteristics, by law they do not "affect" each other insofar as service operations are concerned.

The motion to strike the protest is granted and the protest will be dismissed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the protest of the Capital Cab Cooperative Association, Inc., be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Delmer Ison', written in a cursive style.

DELMER ISON
Executive Director